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It is beneficial for exercise designers, as well as the control and simulation cells, to have a suite of tools to manage various components of the exercise.

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Injects should be standardized to include, at a minimum, information that would normally be available during a response.

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SONS 07 Debrief Chicago, IL - EPA Region V

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The objective of the debrief is to enhance our response organization by capturing the learning experience of the SONS 07 exercise. We plan to divide the SONS 07 participants into various groups who can present lessons learned to the larger audience for dialogue and discussion in an effective manner. This will require that the various groups coordinate among themselves prior to the debrief and compile a single set of lessons learned from their SONS 07 perspective. One to two individuals from each group will present the lessons learned to the larger audience. Approximately 15 minutes will be provided to present the information and another 15 minutes will be allowed for open discussion of the presented material. Over 100 people from the ERB and members of the IMT will be requested to attend so efficient time utilization will be necessary.

When developing the lessons learned please draw upon your SONS 07 experience and summarize your experience into how can our emergency response organization improve our capabilities to respond to incidents. We request that you focus (but not necessarily limit) your lessons learned on the interaction between the EOC, IMTs, field OSCs, MAC, RIC and management. We want to capture what went well and what do we want to improve as an organization, team and individually. We anticipate your attendance and expect everyone to exhibit professional courtesy. As for those who participated in SONS 07 we expect you to engage in your groups to develop and prepare the lessons learned.

Images	Documents	Contacts	Links
None for this site	Group 1 - Players Debrief... Group 2 - Springfield AC Deb... Group 3 - C/E Debrief... List All...	Program Analyst: whelan_ann@epa.gov leader: borries_samuel@epa.gov leader: Steven Benninger/CJ/USEPA/US	None for this site.

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The conduct of the exercise would have improved if the exercise design team had adequate time to shift from designing the player response structure to creating a robust control and simulation capability.



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The simulation cell was understaffed and the simulators needed more training.



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Exercise training/orientation for controllers, evaluators and players was not adequate



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The primary SONS 07 website was difficult to navigate and should have been kept more up-to-date.

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For an exercise of this magnitude, public affairs planning should be established early on and requires a high degree of coordination and collaboration with all agencies.

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- I will never do this again!

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